

REMARKS

Claims 1-14, 19 and 22-38 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(i) for not separating each element or step of the claimed invention by a line indentation. The claims have now been formatted to separate each element by a line indentation.

Claims 1-14, 19 and 22-38 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and the term “mold,” the Examiner states that he believes that the term should be “model.” The Applicant argues that the term “molds” is correct and is supported by the specification. Regarding the other objections to claim 1, the Applicant has now amended claim 1 to address these objections and correct them. Regarding the rejection to the other claims based on 37 USC §112, 2nd paragraph, the claims have either been cancelled or amended to address and correct the claim to overcome the §112 rejection. Regarding claim 38, the term “molds” is correct to correspond to the teachings and the specification.

Claims 1-13 and 10-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being unpatentable over Silva et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,494,440) in view of Nagata (U.S. Patent No. US 2002/0012896). Claims 4-9 and 19-38 were deemed allowable by the Examiner if rewritten to overcome the indefiniteness rejections and if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the claims in which they depend, if any.

Claims 1-3 are cancelled. Claim 4 is rewritten in independent form to include all of the features of original claims 1-3 and correct for indefiniteness over the previous claims. Claim 4 and its associated dependent claims are now believed to be allowable.

Claim 19 has been amended to correct its §112, 2nd paragraph rejections and is now therefore believed to be allowable. The dependent claims associated with claim 19 are also believed to be allowable.

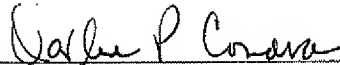
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This amendment should place this case in condition for passing to issue. Such action is requested. If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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